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The present amendment has cancelled claim 1, and added new claims 23-40, which correspond to the non-elected claims of parent application serial number 09/260,993, filed March 1, 1999.

No new matter has been added.

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